

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ A carpet tile (1) comprising
a support plate~~(2)~~;
a carpet material~~(3)~~ on said support plate~~(2)~~;
a first mechanical locking element (4) extending along a first joint edge ~~(8a)~~ of said
carpet tile~~(1)~~, and
a second complementary mechanical locking element~~(5)~~ extending along a second joint
edge~~(8b)~~ of said carpet tile~~(1)~~.

Claim 2 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile (1) according to claim 1,
wherein said first and second mechanical locking elements are provided on opposing joint edges
~~(8a,8b)~~.

Claim 3 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to claim 1, wherein
said carpet tile~~(1)~~ has four joint edges ~~(8a,8b,8c,8d)~~ and further includes a third locking element
(6) extending along a third joint edge~~(8e)~~ and a complementary fourth locking element~~(7)~~
extending along a fourth joint edge~~(8d)~~ of said carpet tile~~(1)~~.

Claim 4 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 1~~
~~to claim 3~~, wherein the respective locking elements~~(4,5,6,7)~~ extend either along the entire length
of said respective joint edges or along a part of said respective joint edges~~(8a,8b,8c,8d)~~.

Claim 5 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 1~~
~~to claim 2~~, wherein said support plate (2) is formed of either HDF, MDF or polymer material.

Claim 6 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 1~~

~~to claim 3~~, wherein said carpet material-(3) is formed of either needled felt, tuft or woven material.

Claim 7 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 3 to claim 5~~ wherein said first ~~and/or~~ third locking element-(4,6) is a male locking element, and said second ~~and/or~~ fourth locking element (5,7) is a female locking element.

Claim 8 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to claim 7, wherein said male locking element (4,6) includes a lateral projecting tongue (11) and said female locking element (5,7) includes a lateral open groove-(10).

Claim 9 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 1 to claim 8~~, wherein said first and second locking elements-(4,5) are formed to vertically lock the respective joint edges-(8a,8b) of two carpet tiles-(3a,3b) or are formed to vertically and horizontally lock the respective joint edges (8a,8b) of two carpet tiles.

Claim 10 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims claim 3 to 9~~, wherein said third and fourth locking elements are formed to vertically lock the respective joint edges (8e,8d) of two carpet tiles, or are formed to vertically and horizontally lock the respective joint edges (8e,8d) of two carpet tiles.

Claim 11 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 1 to claim 10~~, wherein said locking elements (4,5,6,7) are integrally formed with said support plate (2).

Claim 12 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 1 to claim 10~~, wherein at least one locking element (8a,8b,8e,8d) includes a separate profile-(9).

Claim 13 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to claim 12, wherein said separate profile-(9) is either an extruded profile or an injection molded connection part.

Claim 14 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~claims 12 and claim 13~~, wherein said first locking element (5) includes a male part-(11) and said separate profile-(9) having a female part (10') on each longitudinal side, respectively,

said male part (11) cooperates with one of said female parts (10') of said separate profile

(9).

Claim 15 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to claim 14, wherein said second or third locking element (5,6) includes a complementary male part (11) that is engagable with the other one of said female parts (10) of said separate profile (9).

Claim 16 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to claim 12 ~~or 13~~, wherein said first locking element (4,6) includes a female part (10) and said separate profile (9) having a male part (11) on each longitudinal side, respectively, said female locking part cooperates with one of said female parts of said separate profile (9).

Claim 17 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to claim 16, wherein said second or third locking element (5,6) includes a complementary female part that is engagable with the other one of said male parts of said separate profile (9).

Claim 18 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to claim 1 ~~to 17~~, wherein at least the first and second locking elements include a first female part (5a,7a,4a,6a) extending along a first length of said respective joint edge (8a,8b,8c,8d) and a second male part (5b,7b,4b,6b) extending over a second length of said same joint edge (8a,8b,8c,8d).

Claim 19 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of~~ claim 1 ~~to 18~~, wherein said support plate (2) includes a support frame (14) that is foreseen with the respective locking elements (4,5,6,7).

Claim 20 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 19, wherein said support plate (2) has a cell structure.

Claim 21 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 20, wherein said carpet material (3) is glued to said support plate (2), coextruded or attached by mold injection.

Claim 22 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 21, wherein an intermediate material is provided between the support plate (2) and the carpet material (3).

Claim 23 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims~~ claim 3 ~~to 22~~, wherein said first and second locking elements (4,5) are of the angling down type

or the snapping type.

Claim 24 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~claims 3 to~~
claim 23, wherein said third and fourth locking elements ~~(6,7)~~ are of the angling down type or
the snapping type.

Claim 25 (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~claims 1 to~~
claim 21, wherein all locking elements ~~(4,5,6,7)~~ are connectable in the same plane.